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1. There is a Military Training School in each District occupied by the Burma Communist Party (BCP). The Training Schools are under the sole control of the BCP but trainees are accepted from the People's Volunteer Organization (PVO) and the Army mutineers. Members of the Karen National Defense Organization (KNDO) are also permitted to attend courses in areas where they are collaborating with the BCP.
2. Courses of training last from one to three months and consist of weapon training and tactics. Instructors are mostly officers of the former Burma Independence Army provided by the PVO and the Army mutineers as well as by the BCP.

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Comment. Recent remarks by BCP leaders have placed emphasis on the importance of military training for their forces. THIAN TUN recently directed that all PDF forces should be sent to the nearest Military Training School and, after completing the course, they should be posted to combat areas to obtain battle experience.

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